

Docket No.: 050395-0369

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Application of        | : | Customer Number: 20277    |
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| Kohei SHIMODA, et al.       | : | Confirmation Number: 4687 |
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| Application No.: 10/575,898 | : | Group Art Unit: 1793      |
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| Filed: April 14, 2006       | : | Examiner: Mark L. Shevin  |
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| For: GRANULAR METAL POWDER  | : |                           |

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2009, wherein a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on July 24, 2009, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.